[*Translation*]

Committees for Small Scale Industries

6584. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up any Committee to study the problems faced by Small Scale Industries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) A Committee to review the arrangements for meeting the working capital and term loan requirements of small scale industries and for the rehabilitation of sick small scale industries and to examine any other issues relating to small scale industries has been appointed vide RBI memorandum dated 9.12.1991.

(b) to (d). The Committee is expected to submit the report by 30.6.1992.

Provision of Drinking Water to Cities of Rajasthan

6585. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made by the Government with a view to find out the problems being faced in providing drinking water to the cities/towns of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the World Bank had also conducted a study previously to provide drinking water to the cities/towns of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Public Sector Undertakings in Assam

6586. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the public sector undertakings in Assam;

(b) the details of the profit/loss in each case for last three years;

(c) the number of public sector undertakings that have been closed down;

(d) the causes of sickness and the remedial steps taken in this regard; and

(e) the details of proposals for setting up new public sector undertakings in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). A statement indicating profit/loss of enterprises the Registered offices of which are in the State of Assam is annexed.

(c) and (d). No PSU has been closed. The general causes of low profitability/sickness are low productivity, low capacity utilisation, excess manpower, outdated, tech-

nology, old plant and machinery, lack of orders, etc. Steps taken to improve their performance are given at p-115 of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1990-91 laid in Parliament on 5.3.1992. Sick enterprises covered under the provisions of SICA are required to be referred to BIFR.

(e) Setting up of new public sector undertakings are decided keeping into consideration the techno-economic feasibility of the project and balanced regional development of the country.

STATEMENT

Statement of Profit (+) and Loss (-) of Public Sector Undertakings with Registered Offices in Assam

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	*Name of the Enterprises*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
1.	Assam Ashok Hotel Corp. Ltd.	(-) 5	(-) 5	(-) 5
2.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited	2192	2899	4850
3.	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketting Corporation Limited	(-) 145	(-) 198	(-) 198
4.	Oil India Limited	8656	8698	6811